



IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA
ROCK HILL DIVISION

HEYWARD WILLIAMS, JR., §
§
Plaintiff, §
§
vs. § CIVIL ACTION NO. 0:02-4051-HFF-BM
§
JO ANNE BARNHARDT, §
§
Defendant. §

ORDER

This is a motion seeking recovery of attorney's fees in a social security case in which Plaintiff prevailed. The matter is before the Court for review of the report and recommendation (Report) of the United States Magistrate Judge in which he recommends that the Court grant the motion subject to Plaintiff providing the Court with evidence documenting the amount of the attorney's fees sought. The Report is made in accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 636 and Local Civil Rule 73.02 for the District of South Carolina.

The Magistrate Judge makes only a recommendation to this Court. The recommendation has no presumptive weight. The responsibility to make a final determination remains with the Court. *Matthews v. Weber*, 423 U.S. 261, 270 (1976). The Court is charged with making a *de novo* determination of those portions of the report to which specific objection is made, and the Court may accept, reject, or modify, in whole or in part, the recommendation of the Magistrate Judge or may recommit the matter with instructions. 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1).

The Magistrate Judge filed his Report on January 18, 2006, and Defendant failed to file any objections to the Report. In the absence of such objections, the Court is not required to give any explanation for adopting the recommendation. *Camby v. Davis*, 718 F.2d 198, 199 (4th Cir. 1983). Moreover, a failure to object waives appellate review. *Wright v. Collins*, 766 F.2d 841, 845-46 (4th Cir. 1985). In addition, Plaintiff complied with the terms of the Report by filing a written confirmation of the award amount.

After a thorough review of the Report and the record in this case pursuant to the standards set forth above, the Court adopts the Report and incorporates it herein. Therefore, it is the judgment of this Court that Plaintiff's motion for an award of attorney's fees should be, and hereby is, **GRANTED**.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Signed this 7th day of February, 2006, in Spartanburg, South Carolina.

s/ Henry F. Floyd
HENRY F. FLOYD
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE